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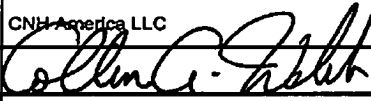
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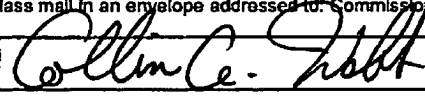
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The section entitled "Changes to the Claims" begins on page 2; and

The section entitled "Remarks" begins on page 8.